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Thursday, August 10, 2006

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**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No. 37

**Subject:** Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a contract with OSISOFT, INC., San Leandro, CA, for the purchase of a data historian system (software and communication) to incorporate into the existing microprocessor control systems at Holly, Decker, and Sand Hill power plants, in an amount not to exceed \$359,757.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Amended Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**Additional Backup Material**

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 **Fiscal Note**

**For More Information:** Martha L. Gaines, Buyer II/322-6583

**Purchasing Language:** Sole proposal received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This software system will provide the capability to collect process data and communicate this data between each of the Austin Energy power plants. There is a regulatory requirement that historical operating data must be stored for a nominal period of two years for insurance and reporting purposes. The plant historians will send data to the corporate historian located at Town Lake Center. A secure connection between the plant and corporate historians will be provided by Austin Energy's ITT using the existing equipment/systems.

Once installed, the corporate historian will provide plant data to management using existing desktop systems. In this way, the information can be utilized to troubleshoot and optimize generation assets.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/1 MBE/WBE responded: 0/0

Ref. MG06300013 PRICE ANALYSIS a. Sole proposal. OSISOFT is the only known manufacturer of this type of highly specialized software system. Two other potential vendors were contacted. Both vendors stated they could not be competitive since they would have to go to OSISOFT to acquire pricing. b. Five notices were sent including one WBE. There are no known MBEs for this commodity code. One solicitation was issued. One proposal was received with no response from the WBE. c. This is the first purchase of this type software system; therefore, there is no pricing history available. APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION a. Sole proposal. b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award. c. Advertised on the Internet.

